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1. WE APOLOGIZE FOR DELAY IN ANSWERING REFTELS.
2. AT PRESENT TIME THERE IS NO PROCEDURE WHICH PERMITS
PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS TO FILE CLAIMS AGAINST FROZEN
VIETNAMESE OR CAMBODIAN ASSETS. THE FOREIGN CLAIMS
SETTLEMENT COMMISSION HAS NO AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE CLAIMS
AGAINST THE FROZEN ASSETS BECAUSE CONGRESS HAS NOT PASSED
THE NECESSARY ENABLING LEGISLATION.
3. PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS OR COMPANIES MAY WISH TO PUT
THEIR NAMES ON RECORD WITH THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL CONSULAR
SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C. FYI: WE
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DO NOT WISH TO RAISE FALSE HOPES. EVEN IF CLAIMS ARE

ADJUDICATED, IT MAY TAKE YEARS BEFORE FUNDS ARE RELEASED
FOR PAYMENT, I.E. CUBA AND PRC CLAIMS HAVE NEVER BEEN PAID.

4. WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT AGENCIES OF THE US
GOVERNMENT DO NOT NOW HAVE AUTHORITY TO PAY PRIVATE

CLAIMS AGAINST VIETNAM OR CAMBODIA. SUCH CLAIMS ARE
PRIMARILY OBLIGATIONS OF THOSE COUNTRIES RATHER THAN OF
THE US. INGERSOLL

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